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Justin Varga, a senior at Romulus High School, practices carving a Japanese trout for the student portion of the ice carving competition. The educational aspect of the Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular is one of the most important components, according to organizers and local educators.

On the edge

Local carvers prepare for annual competition

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Ice carving may not seem like the typical after-school activity, but to six students and two teachers at Romulus High School, it is

"It is fun for the kids," said Dennis Usztics, the culinary arts teacher at the school. "On top of that, it gives the kids a chance to really be creative in this field."

Since Usztics first arrived at the high school 11 years ago, ice carving has become an integral part of the culinary arts curriculum.

"It is a nice part of this field," he said. "It is the luxurious part of it and for the high-end scale of this industry, having this training will set these kids above the rest."

While all of the students in the culinary arts program get a taste of ice carving in their everyday classes, six students

took it to the next level and joined the ice-carving club this year.

The club, which starts up in November each year, is intended for one major event, the Plymouth Ice Spectacular. The annual ice festival starts today in downtown Plymouth and continues through Jan. 20.

"We have been involved in the ice festival for 10 years," said Usztics. "It gives the kids a chance to compete against other high school kids in the field."

However, Romulus High School doesn't typically find much competition from other schools in Wayne County, said Usztics.

"There are really only about one or two culinary programs like the one we have here in all of Wayne County," he said. "As far as the downriver area, we are really it."

But each year, Usztics and his troop of ice carvers await

the ice festival to see how they stack up against schools in Oakland County who tend to have more culinary arts programs.

In the last 10 years of competition, students from Romulus High School have at least placed in the high school division, but last year was a shinning moment for the school and the students.

Richard Miller, then a senior, won the ice carving competition and became the first student from Romulus to bring home first place.

"He was a great carver," said Usztics. "It was a true honor for this school to win first place."

This year, the ice-carving club is again hoping to do well at the ice festival, but it takes a lot of work to accomplish that goal.

Students have been deciding for the last two months

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City council bets on success of new track

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

The new racetrack in Romulus has won a resolution of support from members of the city council.

Council members approved the resolution by a 4-1 vote Monday night, ensuring city support, in principle, of the racetrack proposed by Michigan Racing Inc. (MRI), a subsidiary of Magna Entertainment Corp. (MEC).

Lorne Kumer, vice-president of real estate for MEC, again asked the city council to approve the support resolution. The issue had been tabled by council members last week to allow time for the city legal counsel to examine the document presented by Kumer for their approval.

After a meeting between MRI representatives and city officials, the document, with some changes, was brought back to the council for approval.

The revisions state that the city supports the MRI application for a new horse racing facility at the northeast corner of Vining and Wick Roads, subject to all approvals and authorizations determined by the city to be necessary.

Kumer said MRI requested the resolution for two purposes.

The first, Kumer stated last week, is a procedural issue for the company.

In order to receive a license from the State of Michigan racing board, MRI must present a statement of approval from the city.

The second is the reiteration of the city commitment to the project in light of rumors in the community.

Last week Kumer said he wanted to bring the resolution before council because he heard from several people that another developer might be trying to develop a horseracing track in Romulus.

Police seek 'leader of the pack'

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus police officers working undercover discovered a dog-fighting ring late Monday night in Sumpter Township.

The officers were following up on a tip regarding two pitbulls that were stolen from the Romulus Animal Shelter in early October, police officials said.

"We executed a search warrant at the home in Sumpter expecting to find the two pitbulls that had been stolen," said Lt. John Leacher of the Romulus Police Department. "Instead officers found 28 pitbulls on the property. The dogs were being used for dog fighting."

The dogs were found in makeshift doghouses on the

property attached to short chains, separated from one another.

"All of the houses were outside in the cold," said Leacher. "I think one of the dogs even had frost bite."

Also found during the search was equipment used in dog fighting such as whips, medications and treadmills, said Leacher.

"They found a slew of stuff being used on these dogs," he said. "They even found two treadmills that were used to build up the dogs endurance."

The male owner of the home was present during the search and will be charged this week.

"His charges will be related to cruelty to animals and operating a dog fighting ring," said Leacher. "They are felony charges."

Full-time elected city officials' 4-percent pay increase is OK'd by council

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert, City Clerk Linda Choate and Treasurer Pamela Morrison-Kersey will receive a 4-percent pay increase over the next two years.

The pay increase, which was recommended by the Officers Compensation Commission (OCC), was approved by city council members and becomes

effective tomorrow.

Every odd year on the calendar, the OCC members meet for the purpose of reviewing the salary of the elected officials in the city. Members use as a guideline the salary and wage increase structure of Michigan cities and towns, as well as the current city budget, said city officials.

The commission found that based upon current average salaries from other comparable

cities, the salaries for Lambert, Choate and Morrison-Kersey tended to be low and also took into account that these elected offices have not received a raise in four years.

Councilwoman Debbie Romak was the only council member opposed to the salary increases.

All other council members found that the salary increases were fair and perhaps overdue.

"They are full-time employ-

ees of the City of Romulus," said Councilman William Wadsworth. "They haven't received in a raise in four years and they deserve it for all that they do for the city. I am really glad that the commission recommended a raise for them."

Councilman William Crova agreed with Wadsworth adding, "I felt like it was a reasonable raise for the them," he said. "It wasn't a huge amount, but something that reasonably com-

pensates them."

Wadsworth also said he was glad that only the three received raises.

"If the commission had come back and recommended a raise for city council, I would not have voted for it," he said. "I really don't think any of the council members do this job for the paycheck. We are not full-time employees of the city. I don't think any of us council members deserve a raise."

Symphony seeking young musicians from area

Megan Chatham
Staff Writer

In a quest to recognize musically talented local students, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra (PSO) is seeking contestants for the *Taking Flight-Music to Make the Spirit Soar Youth Artist Competition*.

The competition offers young musicians the opportunity to compete against their peers for music scholarships. In order to participate, the PSO must have received the individual's application by Monday, Feb. 2.

The competition is open to piano, band, or orchestra students living within the school districts of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville), or Wayne-Westland. It will be made up of three distinct levels: Senior Instrumental (grades 10-12), Senior Piano (grades 10-12), or Junior Combined (grades 7-9).

According to Ellen Elliott, youth artist competition coordinator and music librarian for the Plymouth Symphony, participants will be judged based on a

variety of criteria, such as musical ability, execution, and interpretation, as well as overall performance, by a panel of adjudicators who are all professional musicians.

"They have a tough job deciding who wins, but they know what they are looking for."

Ellen Elliot

"They have a tough job deciding (who wins), but they know what they are looking for," said Elliott.

The first place winner in the Senior Instrumental and Senior Piano divisions will each receive a \$500 scholarship, while the first place winner in the Junior Combined competition will receive a \$250 scholarship. According to Elliott, this money may be used toward any form of

music education, including private lessons or music camp. In addition to the scholarships, the winners may have the opportunity to perform with the Plymouth Symphony.

"We do everything we can to get them performance time with us," said Elliott.

She added that many musicians are there in part because they want to see the critiques of their performances so that they know in which areas they still need to work. She also said that this feedback, which is given to all competitors regardless of where they finish, forms the basic idea behind the whole competition.

"It's not just about winning the money," said Elliott.

The actual competition will take place on Sunday, Feb. 15 at Evola Music at 7170 N. Haggerty Road, between Joy and Warren Roads in Canton Township. Applicants must be available to perform at the competition. According to Elliott, while past participants are welcome to reapply, musicians are eligible to win only one first prize award in

each division. Elliott said that the competition last year attracted 15 musicians, this year the goal is 20 participants. She added that it's too soon to tell how many students will choose to participate.

"Usually, we don't get a lot of response until the week of the deadline," said Elliott.

The competition, which has taken place since 1978, is spon-

sored in part this year by the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and by the Plymouth Rotary.

For an application or further information, contact Ellen Elliott at (734) 451-2112, or by email at plymouthsymphony@aol.com. Applications are also available on the Plymouth Symphony website

Local officials wed in Las Vegas

Heather Conner
Staff Writer

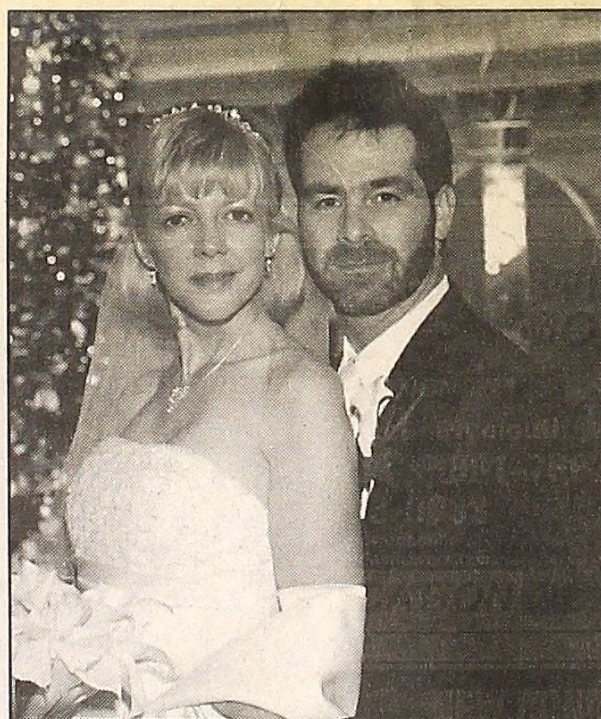
Judge David Parrott and Lianne Clair of Van Buren Township were married Dec. 29 at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. In attendance were Parrott's parents, Ronald and Rita Parrott of Sterling Heights and Clair's parents, Leander and Jerilyn Clair of South Lyon.

Parrott was elected to the 34th District Court in Romulus in November, 2002. Clair is currently the vice chair of the Van Buren Township Public Safety Committee and serves on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Canvassers. She also serves as treasurer of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and secretary for the Huron Valley Conservation Association.

The couple met at the University of Michigan in 1979 as residents of the East Quadrangle Residence Hall. Parrott is a 1982 graduate of the

University of Michigan and a 1985 graduate of Wayne State University Law School. Clair earned her degree from the Detroit College of Business in

1997. After the wedding, the couple attended the Rose Bowl January 1 in Pasadena, California to cheer on the Michigan Wolverines.



Judge and Mrs. David Parrott

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Romulus students score high with Homework Helper

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Students from Romulus High School are trying to make a difference in the lives of younger children through the new Homework Helper Program.

The program, which began this fall, was developed to help high school students, as well as the students from the elementary schools and middle school, according to Jamie Nelson, a language arts teacher at Romulus High School and director of the program.

"By creating this program we are able to help two different sets of kids in Romulus," she said. "The high school students learn how to be positive role models for the younger kids and get some experience in teaching. For the younger kids, it gives them someone to look up to and at the same time gives them help with their school work."

The program works in conjunction with the Romulus Boys and Girls Club after school program.

The after school program operates from the time school is dismissed until 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students in the Romulus schools are bused to either Wick Elementary or

Merriman Elementary School each day.

The kids are kept busy with many different activities, including an hour and a half homework time right after school.

"The program has ended up being about more than just homework help," said Nelson. "Some of the younger kids look up to their tutors and it becomes more of a social relationship. The kids look forward to seeing their tutor just to talk about what happened in school that day. They just adore having the high school students there and it means something different when a kid close to their age tells them how important school is as opposed to their teacher telling them."

Homework helper tutors receive a half credit toward their graduation requirements for participating in the program for more than 60 hours. The tutors must also attend a weekly "reflections" session with Nelson.

"During these meetings we talk about a lot of different things surrounding the program, including what it means to be a role model and on top of that a positive influence in a younger child's life," she said. "We also go through different training exercises for the students that will allow them to better teach the younger students."



Romulus High School students are learning while teaching as they give 60 hours of their time to help tutor students from the middle and elementary schools. The Homework Helper program operates in conjunction with the Romulus Boys and Girls Club and offers homework help every school day at the after school program. Jennifer Dick, a member of the homework helpers, spends two afternoons a week helping tutor students like Jezreel Lewis and Brenda Wade, both students at Wick Elementary School.



The Romulus Fire Department was able to staff two of their fire departments seven days a week with the hiring of Darius Timmons last month. From left, are Mayor Alan Lambert, newly-sworn in firefighter Timmons, Fire Chief David Alison and Public Safety Director Charles Kirby.

Romulus Fire Department increases staffing

Ashley Lawrence
Staff Writer

Romulus residents can now feel a bit safer following several changes in the city fire department, according to public safety officials.

According to Fire Chief David Alison, the move to a full-time, 24-hour department is a major step for the entire city.

"Being a 24-hour department is very exciting to us and important to the community," said Alison. "It is something that we have been working toward since April of 2001."

There has always been 24-hour coverage of Romulus in emergency situations, but now two of the four fire stations will be staffed at all times, said Alison. Previously, the fire department depended on paid on-call fire fighters for providing coverage during a 72-hour stretch from 6 a.m. Friday until 6 a.m. Monday.

"During this time if there was an emergency in Romulus, the

paid on-call fire fighters would have to leave their homes, then go to the fire station to get a vehicle," said Alison. "Now, there will always be fire fighters at the two of the four stations."

Station Number One, located at Middlebelt and Ecorse roads, and Station Number Two, located at Huron River Drive and Northline Road, will be staffed at all times, seven days a week. Stations three and four will not be staffed, however, paid on-call fire fighters will be working out of those stations when necessary.

Every resident in Romulus will still be covered regardless of which fire station is closest.

"By doing this we are promising people of Romulus someone will show up sooner," said Alison.

The plan for a full-time fire department has been in the works for many years, however, certain things needed to happen before it could be a possibility, said Alison.

"First of all, we had to have full-time fire fighters," said

Alison. "The last administration hired eight and the Lambert administration has also added eight, which now allows us to have fire fighters at the stations at all times."

The last of the full-time fire fighters, Darius Timmons, was hired last month.

The stations will now run on 12-hour shifts, which is different from many other fire stations whose shifts usually average 24 hours.

"Right now, we don't have the lodging facilities to house the fire fighters to allow 24-hour shifts," said Alison. "However, that is something that we are looking into for the future."

Charles Kirby, the director of public safety in Romulus, said he is also happy with the forward progress of the fire department.

"We are much better than where we started from," said Kirby. "We are still moving ahead and looking into options to further improve the department in the future."

Ice Carving

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what they want to carve at the festival. They have been drawing it repeatedly, so it is ingrained in their minds. Just after Christmas vacation, students began to practice, translating the image from their minds onto a block of ice.

Each day after school, these students spend up to two and half hours in the cold temperatures practicing their designs.

Justin Varga, a senior, is carving a Japanese trout for the competition.

"It's enjoyable to me to be able to carve," said Varga. "I looked forward to doing this again this year and I am hopeful that I will place in the competition."

Jennifer Welch, another senior, is carving a dolphin this year. She said the activity is something that will take her far in her career.

"I want to be a pastry chef," she said. "Ice carving is some-

thing that not a lot of people know how to do and I believe that I will go further because I have the ability to carve."

While Varga and Welch are at the end of their carving training at Romulus High School, Nedra Harris, a sophomore who is carving a harp, is just beginning hers.

"I thought it would be something creative that I could do," said Harris, who hopes someday to attend the famed Culinary Arts Institute in New York.

Although the club is designed for students, teachers also get involved in the fun.

Andy Stewart, a third year science teacher at Romulus High School, has been learning to carve this year and may be entering the amateur division of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular with his angel fish.

"I did it just for the fun of it," said Stewart. "But for the kids, it is a creative outlet and for the school it is a source of pride and a trade that we can offer our students."

Police seek suspect in shooting death

Romulus police are looking for Paul Anthony Davis, 22, a resident of Ecorse, in connection with the Dec. 30, shooting death of Michael McClendon at Sky Harbor Townhouses on Pondway Street.

"We have reason to believe Mr. Davis may be involved in the homicide," said Lt. John Leacher of the Romulus Police Department. "And we are not the only ones looking for him at this time."

Lincoln Park police have issued a warrant for Davis in an attempted homicide that occurred in that city last November.

Davis' last known address was in Ecorse, said Leacher.

Romulus police have asked anyone with information about either crime to contact them at (734) 941-8400 or Lincoln Park police at (313) 381-1800.



Paul Anthony Davis

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL
HELD DECEMBER 22, 2003 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS,
MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: LeRoy Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Gear, Charles Miller,
Michael Prybyla, Debbie Romak, William Wadsworth.

Absent: None.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,
Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-509

2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to approve the minutes of the regular meeting
of the Romulus City Council held December 8, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays -None. Abstain: Wadsworth. Motion Carried.

3. None.

03-510

4A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to concur with Attorney and authorize the
Mayor and Clerk to enter into a finalized settlement agreement pertaining to the Michigan
Automotive Academy.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,
Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-511

4B2. Motion by Crova, supported by Prybyla to direct Attorney Seifinan to continue liti-
gations; re: Romulus, et al v. MDEQ.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,
Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-512

4C3. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution to the
family of Raymond Guzall, II.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,
Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-513

4D4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to adopt a resolution for the family of the
Rev. Dr. John D, Wells, Sr.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,
Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-514

4E5. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution for Terrance C.
Hermenau, acknowledging his many years of dedicated service to the City.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,
Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Romak to accept the Chairman's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-515

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Miller to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter
into the Customer Agreement between the Romulus Police Department and Iron Mountain
Records Management Company for the storage of Romulus Police Department archived
records.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak
Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-516

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Public
Safety Director, Charles Kirby and Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway, and award Bid
03/04-25 Two (2) 5-passenger Mid Size Vehicles (Two 2004 Ford Taurus)

to the lowest bidder, Jorgensen Ford at a total bid price of \$29,240.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth, Nays -
Prybyla. Motion Carried.

03-517

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Miller to concur with the recommendation of
Public Safety Director, Charles Kirby and Purchasing Coordinator Lynn Conway and
award Bid 03/04-27 for the conversion of an existing Police Department Van to the only
Bidder WDee Enterprises, Inc., at a total bid price of \$2,172.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays -
Prybyla. Motion Carried.

03-518

5D. Motion by Miller, supported by Romak to introduce Budget Amendment 03/04-20.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Fire Department Expenditures: 101-3410-734.7730			
Contractual Services	6,000	27,632	33,632

Revenues: 101-3410-511.68-01			
Training/Tuition Reimbursement	0	27,632	27,632

To recognize revenue and expenditures for the cost of Paramedic Classes being
offered to outside departments and conducted through the Fire Department.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-519

5E. Motion by Romak, supported by Wadsworth to authorize emergency repairs and
replacement of the Phoenix Extrication Tools (Jaws of Life); one complete unit at a cost of
\$15,000.00 and repair of the second unit a cost of \$5,000.00 for Station #2 and Station #3
for a grand total cost of \$20,000.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-520

6A1. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to approve the following Traffic Control
Orders:

- Permanent installation of a 2B-17 Right Turn Only in the boulevard median
of eastbound Smith Road facing the Smith Road driveway at 8210 Merriman.
- Installation of a NO PARKING ANYTIME sign on the northbound and south
bound side of Huron River Drive from Wabash Street to a distance of 200 feet
south of Wabash Street.
- Permanent installation of STOP signs on southbound and northbound Vining
Road at Wick Road.
- Installation of a STOP sign on southbound Hannan Road at Pennsylvania
Road.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-521

6A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to approve second reading and final adop-
tion of Appendix A-Zoning Amendment 1.187, resubmitted at the meeting held December
08, 2003.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes-Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-522

6C1. Motion by Romak, supported by Miller to reject the Officers Compensation
Commission Report of Determination that the Mayor, Clerk, and Treasurer shall each
receive a 4% increase in 2004 and a 4% increase in 2005; effective January 16, 2004.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Wadsworth. Nays -
Romak. Motion Failed.

03-523

10. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the
family of Charles Rhode.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,
Wadsworth.
Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-524

10. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the
family of Jeffrey Collins.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak,

Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried
Unanimously.

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OBITUARIES

SCOTT, Marvin D. Jr.

Marvin D. Scott, Jr., 59, died Dec. 28. Among his survivors are his mother, Beatrice I. (Solomon) Scott; a son, Terrance L. Peterson; brothers, Gregory A. Scott of Inkster, Virgel V. Scott of Detroit, Aaron C. Scott of Romulus, Ellery D. Scott of Romulus, Darryl P. Scott of Detroit and Lawrence L. Scott of Romulus, and sisters, Diana G. Ward of Arlington Heights, IL, and Jannetta C. Logan and Bethny O. Logan, both of Ypsilanti. Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. Nelson O. Pearson, Jr. of Walking In The Light Ministry of Westland officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton Township.

THORNSBERRY, Hassie

Hassie Thornsberry, 76, of Belleville, died Dec. 31 at home. Among her survivors are her husband of 53 years, M.H. Thornsberry; her children, Lucille (Carl) Westmoreland of Greenwich, OH, Doug Thornsberry of Wyandotte, Jimmie (Florence) Thornsberry of Cooksville, TN, Juliaetta (Danny) Hammond of Greenbriar, AR, Phillip (Laura) Thornsberry of Belleville and Terry Thornsberry of Milan; sisters Stella (Roscoe) Thornsberry of Trenton, Faye (Daniel) Thornsberry of Livonia, Joetta Hall of Farmington, Betty (Burnis)

Bouts of Kite, KY, Fern (Herman) Fouts also of Kite, KY, Haslene Hall of Livonia, Wilma Atwood of Belleville, Joyce of Car Creek, KY and Budd (Beatrice) Hall, also of Kite, KY; 19 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Walker Harris officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

PATTON, Roy Edward

Roy Edward Patton, 67, of Sumpter Township, died Dec. 31 at home. Among his survivors are his wife of more than 36 years, Frances (Bevel) Patton; a son, Greg (Kathleen) Patton of Ypsilanti, and a granddaughter, Katelyn Patton. Mr. Patton was retired from General Motors Corp. Funeral services were at Carter's Funeral Home in Prestonburg, KY with the Rev. Mark Walz officiating. Interment was at the Richmond Memorial Cemetery in Prestonsburgh, KY. Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville. PETROWSKI, Richard George Richard George Petrowski, 68, a life-time resident of Sumpter Township died

Jan. 6 at home. Among his survivors are his children, Richard Petrowski, Terry (Laurie) Petrowski, Larry Petrowski and Lesa (Tom) Thomas, all of Belleville; his companion, Joyce Hook of Belleville; sister, Jane Copp of Ypsilanti Township; a brother, Edward Petrowski of Belleville; several nieces and nephews; 10 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. Mr. Petrowski owned and operated R&T Contracting from 1981 until 1997. Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville. GRIDER-ADKINS, Sarah E. Sarah E. Grider-Adkins, 43, of Taylor died Jan. 3. Among her survivors are her children,

Jeff, David and Robert; her parents, Earl and Maxine Grider; a brother, Warren Joseph, and a sister, Mary Annette. Funeral services were at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with Father Jack Baker officiating. MOSS, Lisa Marie Lisa Marie Moss, 33, of Wayne died Dec. 22. Among her survivors are her parents, Jack and Erma Moss; a daughter, Brittney Davis; sons, John Davis Jr., Glen McFadden and Brian McFadden; a brother, Jack Moss Jr., and a sister, Shelly Moss. Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Ron Lee officiating. Interment was at Martinsville Cemetery in Sumpter Township.

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Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

03-525

11A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Burcroff to authorize payment of Warrant 03 -24 in the grand total amount of Eight Hundred, Ninety Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and Thirty Nine Cents (\$896,933.39). Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain: Crova. Motion Carried

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Miller, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.187

An Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by Rezoning 7.73+/- Acres on the south side of Beverly Road between Inkster and Middlebelt Road from M1 (Light Industrial) to MT-2 (Industrial Transportation 2).

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

- Section 1. SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.
- Section 2. The Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus is hereby amended to rezone DP #82-80-0004-99-0007-000 from M I (Light Industrial) to MT-2 (Industrial Transportation 2).
- Land in the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:*
- Legal Description of Property:
- The East 281 Feet of The Northwest 114 of the South East 114 of Section 1, Town 3 South, Range 9 East; Except the North 213 feet of The East 150 Feet Thereof, City of Romulus, Wayne County Michigan.*
- Section 3. Except as herein modified the said zoning map shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section 4. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED: Should any section, clause or provision of this ordinance be declared by the Court to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.
- Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in the official newspaper of general circulation.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Publish: January 15, 2004

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE
2004 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, (Lower Level) Community Room, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll.

Meeting dates are as follows:

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- March 08, 2003: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
March 09, 2003: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Commercial/Industrial**
- March 10, 2003: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Industrial	50%	1.0000
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Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

Review is by appointment only

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To schedule an appointment, please call the City of Romulus, Department of Assessment at (734) 942-7520 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Publish: February 15, 2004
February 22, 2004
February 29, 2004

OPINION

A change for the better

Sometimes it takes a major shift in personnel to make a subtle change in policy effective.

That was the case this year in the Inkster Police Department, where detectives saw a major increase in the success rate of solving homicide cases.

This year, detectives successfully closed seven of eight cases, as compared to two of seven in 2002, three of nine in 2001, three of 11 in 2000 and three of nine in 1999.

For the average citizen, it may not seem a major accomplishment, but it shows a degree of professionalism and dedication and it – along with the mostly volunteer effort to renovate the lobby of the police station – points to a new direction for the department. It also means that more families have closure in an event that invariably shattered their lives.

The department has seen plenty of changes this year; they've hired a new chief and deputy chief, seen a large number of senior personnel take an early retirement buyout and others take positions in other communities.

That paved the way for a new way of thinking and the subtle change, initiated by Det. Lt. Kevin Smith, was one of those. Basically, he allowed senior detectives to concentrate on homicide cases for more than 48 hours. Department policy had been, if they weren't solved in 48 hours they were placed back into the rotation. Detectives Anthony Delgreco and Patrick McLaughlin have a demonstrated talent for the work, and an interest in it, and anyone in management will tell you there is no better way to get good results than to match up good people with their interests.

We're not ready yet to give credit for the success rate to the new chief or the early retirement of personnel that had provided the direction for the department in the past. But we are always ready to point out good work when we see it, and that's certainly the case here.

Put good fortune to good use

Officials in the City of Wayne should have plenty of things to ponder when they meet for their goal-setting session next week. At least they should if they bring their own ideas and ideas brought to them by residents.

The city has a little bit of wiggle room in a budget that had been tight during the past few years as state shared revenues were cut. They will soon see the influx of new taxes from the investment planned by Ford Motor Co., as well as smaller increases from residential projects that will put formerly city-owned property onto the tax base.

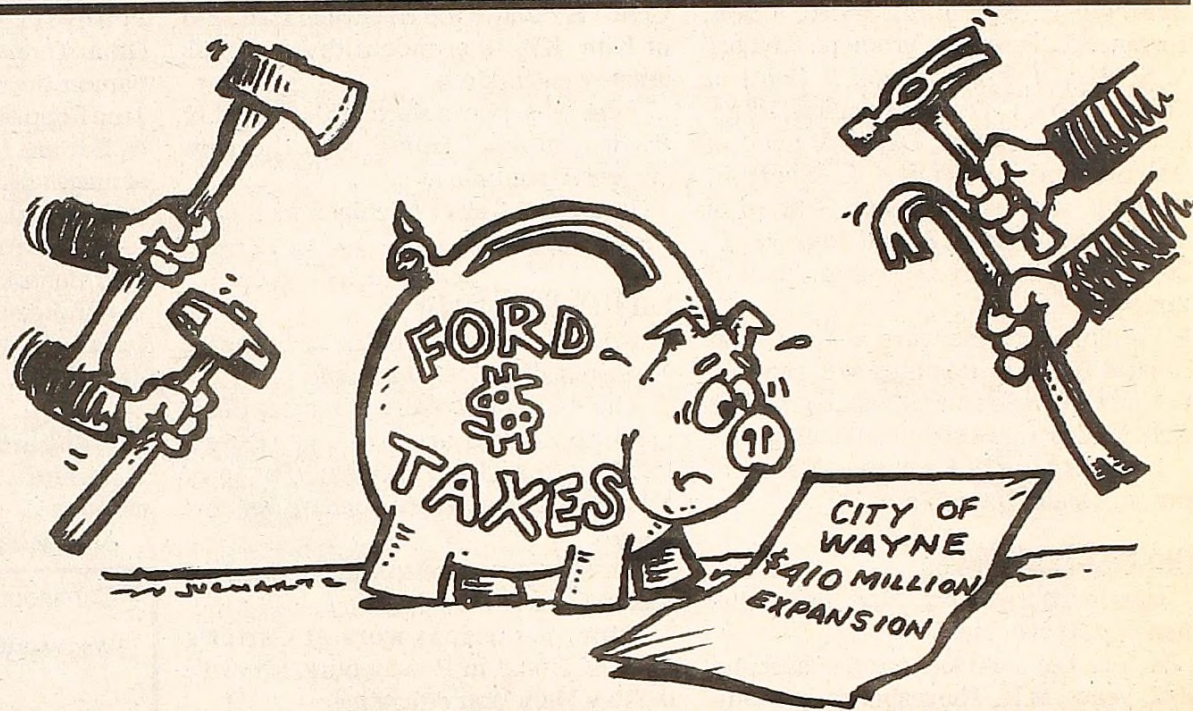
A good portion of the discussion may center around how best to use those funds, once they start to trickle in.

There may be a push to replace staff, which is understandable because the cuts from last year have left many people in several different departments performing double or triple duty. There may be a push to purchase some of the capital items pushed back during the round of mid-year budget cuts last year.

Here's another tactic the city might consider. When the Cool Cities Task Force got together last year, one of the overriding concepts that came out of the meetings was stricter control of the blight ordinances. In short, the members wanted the city to use those ordinances and other ways to help clean up neighbors and spark residents and business owners to invest more into their community, a sort of foundation of community pride.

The suggestion even went out to ask for a dedicated millage to supply money for the city to purchase blighted pieces of property with the

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LETTERS

(Editor's Note: Recently, fourth-grade students at P.D. Graham Elementary School in Westland wrote letters to the editors of several newspapers in an effort to promote recycling in their community. These letters from the students have been printed verbatim. The Journal Newspapers congratulates both the students and the teachers on the successful completion of a lesson in community involvement and awareness of the world in which we live.)

Dear Editor:

The 4th grade has been recycling and what that means we do bottles and the rest of the stuff

Mrs Parks is teching it. We save the animals by not chopping do the trees for the animals.

from,

Miranda Griggs

Dear Editor:

I think we should have more people to recycle. It will give us more land fill. It saves landfill too. Recycling is a good thing to do. I have ben recycling.

Sincerely,

Brian Mihailoff

Dear Editor:

I would like to talk to you

about having Curbside Recycling. I think Westland should have it. It could save homes from landfills, and animals habitats. Talk to your boss, if your boss says "Yes" send a letter to the president, and ask him to put something on t.v. about Curbside Recycling.

Sincerely,

Amber Lynn Tolentino

Dear Editor:

I think we should have Cerb Side Recycling because it saves land, and we will have less land fills. And it saves animal's homes and it's good for the inviorment. Cerb Side Recycling will be good for us.

Sincerely your's truly,

Dallas Larimore

Dear Editor:

I think we need curbside recycling cause it will make us save money. It will also help us save our land so we can build more houses. We need to recycle glass, plastic, and aluminum. If we recycle it will save animals and their habitats.

Sincerly,

Travis Spears

Dear Editor,

First: We could start saving

anmail habitais cause people dump there trash in to it.

If we could have fewer trash we could have fewer landfills.

If we could have curbside recycling it would be easier then going to town I think.

Sincerely,

Meggan Porter

Dear Editor

I think we need curbside recycling because it will make us save money. It will also help us save our land from landfills.

Here is 3 things you can recy-cil plastic aluminum and glass. Recycling is good for your envierment.

Sincerely yours truly

Luke Schepperley

Dear Editor:

I think it is important that we have curbside recycling in Westland. If we had it in Westland there wouldn't be as many landfills. If we reused our garbage we would be able to save resources. If we didn't have as much garbage we could save animals habitats. Plus recycling is good for the envoironment. Recycling would be very con-vient for Westland. I really think curbside recycling is important.

Sincerly,

Austin Smarsh

Our world is screaming for help

"Aw, it's just a little rain," Noah's neighbor said. "Take a break from building the ark, and let's catch a movie."

The universe has been talking to us for years, and for years we have turned a deaf ear to it. Now, the universe is shouting at us for help.

Europe suffers as an inferno cooks the life out of people. In the Northeast and Midwest United States 50 Million people get a colossal reminder that we've got to get out of the dark about how we are abusing the universe.

Global warming— ignored for years as scientists warned us to take action.

Glacier observation decks are now obsolete, because the ice that touched the deck a few years ago has receded beyond sight.

Drought continues in the western U.S year after year.

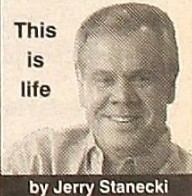
Filthy acid-yellow layers hide the beauty of Phoenix, suffocate and kill the desert. And, we continue to create bigger disasters by messing with the natural environment of the desert. Plant that grass, flood

water on it, fill the air with pollution and humidity. Build more golf courses; forget the consequences, there's money, money, and more money to be made. Instead of shouting "fore" it should be "Fore—warning"

President Bush said he knew that our country's grid system was not in good shape. If he did know—as leader of this country—it was his duty was to rebuild the grid, instead of wasting billions of dollars on his war in Iraq. Dollars that could have been used on the infrastructure of America.

Isn't it past time we break through the denial and take action against corporations buying politicians? Politicians who OK giant mergers that lead us like lambs to the slaughter called monopoly and no choice.

Government deregulation, for the most part, is harmful to the individual. For example, deregulation of the tire industry. How many Americans died



by Jerry Stanecki

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Dear Editor:

Mrs. Keith and Mrs. Parks are doing a recycling Project for science class. We recycle cans & bottles & paper. I also don't think it's right that Canada is dumping garbage here. I think curb side is good because it picks up my garbage.

From,
Dhamahi Scales

Dear Editor:

I am a 4th grader and I think it's important to have a curbside recycling.

You could make fewer landfills to save

Sincerely,
Tyler Hubbard

Dear Editor:

I think Curbside Recycling is important because if we don't recycle the air will pollute. If we don't recycle, the animals could get sick or die. People can die from no recycling. If we do Recycle that won't happen. It will save all the things like animals.

Yours truly,
Kari Carter

Councilman seeks ideas

To the editor:

In the next few months, the Wayne City Council will be establishing the 2004-2005 budget, as well as discussing the future of the city.

Many great things are happening like the multiple new condominium developments and the investment that Ford Motor Co. is making in our city. We cannot be satisfied with just these moves. We need to use this progress as a springboard for more positive change.

On the city council, we have been given the opportunity to help put great ideas in motion, but I am certain that many of the great ideas for the future of our city are being discussed between friends by the public, not between the council and the city staff. That is why I am asking for suggestions regarding ideas, improvements or concerns about our city.

Please feel free to email me with anything that you would like to discuss. My email address is don4wayne@yahoo.com. Every idea will be considered, but even the ones that are not possible to act on will inspire conversation and could lead to other positive changes. I look forward to hearing from you and I am excited about the direction in which we are headed.

Don Hartford,
Councilman, City of Wayne

these properties cheaply, they can sell them more profitably.

If this can be worked out, it makes more sense to pursue a program like that than to approach the voters for another tax increase – which, to be fair, no member of the council has suggested.

The investment by Ford and the additional development within the DDA district puts the city in a unique position, though. It allows them to use the revenue and pride shown by good corporate citizens to clean up after the bad ones.

Wayne

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intent of fixing them up, selling them, or both.

It may be possible that the incoming money from Ford Motor Co. can provide a good foundation for this project. The city should set up a separate account to fund these types of improvements. Voters have approved similar millages in Ann Arbor, where it is used to preserve green space, and Northville Township, where it is used to purchase and develop park land.

In truth, we're not sure if the logistics of this proposal would work out. The basic thoughts behind the concept, though, are that Downtown Development Authority (DDA) money should stay in the DDA. Buying up property there to clean it up or raze it will have a more significant impact on public perception, because it's the part of the city that most non-residents see.

That improved public perception will lead to an increased investment, and it can also mean even more money for the city. If the city can purchase

World

FROM PAGE 6

because of defective tires? Deregulation has allowed leaders to avoid accountability and responsibility.

Each of us needs to look in the mirror and get honest about what we are doing to change what we are destroying.

We're a wasteful nation that arrogantly has become a throwaway society. We waste water, electricity, plunder the land with overbuilding and sour the air, all because of our arrogant attitude that there is an inexhaustible supply.

There is a contagious cancer in our society that commands us to demand more—at any cost.

My daddy used to say, "Bulls and bears, but not pigs. When you get too greedy, you lose it all."

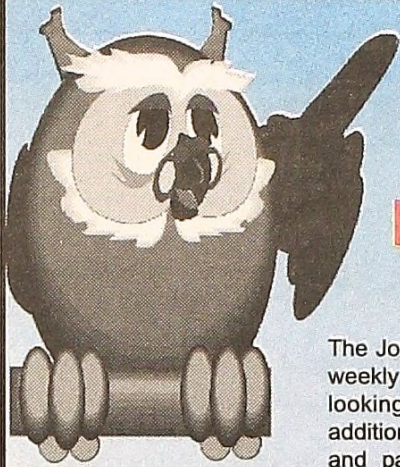
Each of us can help by practicing simple things. Turn the water off when brushing your teeth. If you have a sprinkler system, get a rain gauge installed, one that automatically shuts off sprinklers when it rains. Turn electricity off when not using it. Be more aware of waste. Change your thinking to conserve.

We've become a take-it-for-granted lazy society, and we're being pushed around like cattle. Isn't it past time to get off our apathetic duffs and take action?

Join a group you believe in, environmental protection, political reform, anti-merger groups, individual rights, whatever will help bring change.

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SPORTS



The Plymouth Whalers hit the road for their always-physical match up against cross-river rivals the Windsor Spitfires. Above, referees break up a scrum in the two teams' last meeting Dec. 29 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

New Whaler Carnegie 'hounds' Sault Ste. Marie with 2 goals

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers appeared to be at full strength Friday night when they defeated the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, 4-2, on the road.

Some new faces donned the stick-wielding whale insignia and captain James Wisniewski returned from a brief stint in the World Junior Championships as the Whalers appeared strong enough to collar the mangy Greyhounds.

Wisniewski returned to the lineup after he and Team USA beat Canada, 4-3, in the gold medal final of the World Junior Championship in Helsinki, Finland last Monday. He finished second in defenseman scoring in the tournament with two goals and three assists and was second in scoring for Team USA. It was the first time that the USA team has won the gold medal in the 28-year-old tournament.

Other new faces included defenseman Mike Knight and right wing Rane Carnegie who were acquired in a trade deal that sent Whalers' left wing Mike Lombardi and a third round 2004 OHL draft pick to the Belleville Bulls.

"Mike (Lombardi) asked to be traded. We feel with six '87 birthdays already signed on for the next year it opened up room for us to grant his request," said Mike Vellucci, Whalers' general manager and head coach. "We are excited to receive a proven goal-scorer in Carnegie and a very experienced defenseman with Knight. With this move we solidified two areas we need to address - a goal-scoring right winger and experience on defense."

Carnegie was listed at center for Plymouth when they faced off against the Greyhounds. The move didn't seem to bother him as he led the Whalers with two first-period goals. The first came

at the 4:01 mark with assists going to Ryan Ramsay and John Vigilante. The second came at 14:10. Wisniewski and Vigilante earned the assists on the goal that put the Whalers up 2-0.

Tim Sestito went to the box at 16:29 for tripping, which allowed the Greyhounds an extra-man advantage. Brett Connolly took advantage and scored at 18:26 to make it a 2-1 game. Scott Dobben recorded the assist on the power-play goal.

Late in the second period, Sault Ste. Marie's captain Jeff Carter tied the score, 2-2, with assists from Travis Chapman and Jeffrey Doyle. With only a minute left in the period Brent Mahon put the Whalers back on top, 3-2. Sean Thompson recorded the assist.

John Mitchell, with a feed from Fiedler, scored his 14th goal of the season on a power play to seal the game, 4-2, for Plymouth.

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Northville tops Canton, falls to Novi Wildcats

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville and Canton basketball squads squared off on the court last Friday night where the 'Stangs edged past the Chiefs, 55-49, for the victory.

"I was real proud of the kids," said Northville coach Darrel Schumacher. "They could have folded but they ended up winning the game."

Brett Asher led Northville with 17 points. Tim Singleton reached double digits with 12 points for the team. Marcus Davis jumped in with nine points and Tim Downing had eight, including a crucial three-pointer in the first half that helped put the momentum in the Mustangs' favor, according to Schumacher.

"They (Canton) sat back in the zone tempting us to take the long shot," he said. "Tim wanted to take it and he did. It was a crucial shot."

Northville had a commanding 11-2 lead at one point in the first quarter but Canton got their legs under them and made it a 13-8 game to end the quarter.

Canton's strong play continued into the second. They out-shot Northville 17-10 to take a 25-23 lead to end the first half. Although Northville out-shot Canton in the third quarter, 15-14, the Chiefs still maintained a one-point lead, 39-38, to end the third quarter.

Northville got back into the game in the fourth quarter to take a three-point lead with 10 seconds remaining on the clock. Singleton made a shot from the line to make it a four-point game and good defense on Northville's end put the ball into Mark Sorenson's hands who lobbed it down court to Singleton. He made an easy lay-up to make it a six-point victory, 55-49, for the

Mustangs.

"We kept our composure and made some plays," Schumacher said. "We got some turnovers in and converted them into points, which helped."

Canton had a good game from Julian Smith, who led the team with 12 points and 13 rebounds. Matt Paye scored 12, all from three-pointers, for the Chiefs and Brad Waidmann hit for 11 points. Kevin Thornton knocked down four Northville shots and Andy Cortellini recorded seven assists in an attempt to beat the Mustangs.

"They (Northville) played well," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "I saw them play during vacation and it was probably the best I've seen them play, so I knew it would be tough."

"We just missed some shots and couldn't get that big break down the stretch," he added. "We didn't play as well as we're capable of."

The Northville game was the team's first since they went on the holiday break. Their last game was a home win against Brighton. The loss against Northville dropped them to 2-3 overall. The Chiefs took on a tough Ann Arbor Pioneer team on Tuesday but the results weren't available for this publication. They will take on Walled Lake Central Friday night at home.

Before the Canton game, the Northville Mustangs played another close game last Tuesday, but fell to the Novi Wildcats, 59-51.

Northville was within one point with a minute left to go in the game but they missed a lay-up to take the lead, which forced them to hurry up and foul the rest of the way. Free throws were the difference at the end, according

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Chiefs tie Chelsea, 3-3

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It took the Canton Chiefs an entire period to shake off the cobwebs from the holiday break when they took to the ice for a game against the Chelsea Bulldogs.

The game last Wednesday night was the Chiefs' first since Dec. 19 and they overcame two short-handed goals to finish the game with a 3-3 tie.

"It's good to be back in action," said Canton coach Jim Wheaton before the game. "You can only practice so much."

The first period was more like watching a practice, as both teams appeared sluggish. Canton out-shot Chelsea 9-6 in the period but the game remained scoreless because of solid defensive play and the

alert goalies that minded their nets. Canton's captain Matt Oliver stopped a bouncing puck in front of the net to deny Chelsea a goal. Chelsea's Ryan Ford, on a break away, tried to take a backhand shot but the puck escaped him and he ended up in the net, himself.

The game broke open in the second when the teams scored a total of five goals, including two short-handed scores by Chelsea. Chelsea made their mark first when Craig Urwin flipped the puck past Canton goalie Chris Garrett at the 10:37 mark for a 1-0 lead. Lee Woodruff recorded the assist.

Mike Stewart scored for Canton at 8:03 to knot the game. He made a great move in front of the net and

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Canton junior forward Reece McCabe fights for the puck against Chelsea's Davis Turner. Canton scored a late goal in the third period to secure a 3-3 tie. Canton sophomore defenseman Aaron Amin lurks in the background.

Tigers crush Monroe, 85-52, edge past Dearborn, 50-42

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Tigers hoopsters knocked off two top Mega teams last week when they beat Dearborn, 50-42, and Monroe 85-52.

The Tigers trounced the Monroe Trojans by scoring as many points in the second quarter alone, 33, as Monroe did in the first two quarters combined.

They had a commanding 47-33 lead at the end of the half.

"In the second quarter we got our running game going and scored some points off of their press," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel. "I think that's the most points Belleville has ever scored in a quarter."

Tigers continued their rampage in the second half to outscore the Trojans, 38-29, to finish the game with the 85-52 victory.

Matt Miller led the team with 15 points while Tyler Jones contributed with 13. Both Jonathan Warren and Josh Samarco added 10 points each in the win.

The win against Monroe came after a close bout with the Dearborn Pioneers last Tuesday. Belleville edged ahead in the second half to secure the 50-42 win.

The Tigers were down 8-6 at the end of the first quarter but

managed to outscore Monroe 14-12 in the second to knot the score at 20 to end the half.

"We struggled in the first half getting the offense going," Krogel said.

"They zoned us and that typically slows the pace of the game down. They are a very well-coached team and have kids that can play well and play defense well."

The Tigers were down by one point in the third when Samarco nailed a three pointer and KaRon Gaines hit a 15-footer,

which vaulted the Tigers from a one-point deficit to a four-point lead heading into the fourth quarter. Belleville scored another 17 points in the final frame to run away with the 50-42 win.

Miller led the team again with 13 points, the only player in double digits for Belleville. Jones was close and managed 9 points. Robert Igbawua grabbed 14 rebounds on the night and Andre Olden nabbed eight.

Belleville is preparing to hit the road to face Ypsilanti tomorrow night.

Zebras lose close battle with Truman

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Wayne Zebras' basketball team suffered through a tough week and lost two close games. Their first loss was a last-second cliffhanger against the Taylor Truman Cougars.

With the score tied at 64, Condar Wright nailed the winning basket for Truman with two seconds left in regulation play. The two ticks of the clock weren't enough for a winning shot for the Zebras.

"In the last two minutes they (Truman) double teamed Geno Safford," said Wayne coach Wayne Woodard. "They took him out of the game. Truman was hungry, they were determined to win the game."

Truman concentrated on

Safford for good reason - he led the Zebras with 23 points with 20 points scored in the second half.

Danny Walsh contributed with 10 points for Wayne.

Most recently the Zebras tipped off against the Salem Rocks Friday night and were defeated for the second time in the same week. Salem prevailed 69-60 in the meeting.

Salem took the early lead, 18-8, in the first quarter and continued to dominate in the first half, despite being outscored by Wayne 17-12 in the second quarter. It was a 30-25 game at half time.

The Rocks got on a roll in the second half and scored 19 points in the third to extend their lead to 49-40. The scoring remained even in the fourth with 20 points apiece but it wasn't enough for

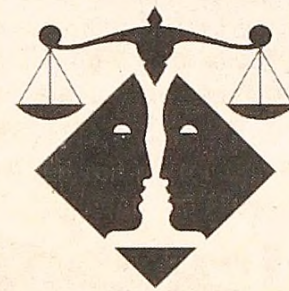
the Zebras to catch up and the Rocks walked away with the 69-60 victory.

Salem was led by the tandem of Brad Clark and Dominic Washington. Clark led with 18 points including three -three-pointers and Washington added 16 points and was perfect, 8-8, from the line.

Wayne spread the ball around and Walsh led the Zebras with 12 points; Safford, Gene Nix, and Brian Hearst all added 10 points each; and Maurice Nelson knocked in nine for the team.

"We've got to play a little harder and a little better or it's going to be a long season," Woodard said.

Wayne will head to Livonia Franklin tomorrow night while the Rocks travel to Livonia Stevenson.



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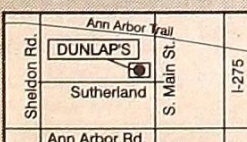
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Whalers

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Sault's Reg Thomas was in the box for kneeling, which allowed the Whalers the go-ahead goal.

Plymouth goalie Paul Drew earned star-for-the-day honors. He faced 42 shots and stopped 40 of them to fortify the Whalers victory.

Whalers 2, Frotenacs 3

Plymouth couldn't maintain their momentum when they hosted the Kingston Frontenacs on Saturday. Kingston rallied in the third period to overcome a 2-1 deficit and steal the game from

the Whalers with a 3-2 win.

Plymouth was on the board first in the opening period with a goal from Mitchell and an assist from Jonas Fiedler at 3:04. Late in the period, Kingston knotted the score on a power play with a goal from Anthony Stewart with only 40 seconds left. Bryan Rodney and Brad Horan assisted on the play.

Both teams had power play opportunities in the second period but the game remained tied, 1-1, to start the third.

It only took 25 seconds of the period for Fiedler to regain the lead, 2-1, for Plymouth with an assist going to Mitchell. Kingston tied the game again, 2-2, with a

goal from Horan at 3:58. Eric Himelfarb and Danny McDonald earned the assists.

Plymouth's Mike Letizia was sent to the box for obstruction hooking and gave the Frontenacs a man advantage. With only five seconds left in the penalty, Hilmelfarb slapped in the winning goal at 10:04. Drew Kivell and Bryan Rodney notched the assists to help put the game away, 3-2.

The Whalers will cross the river and hope to douse the Spitfires tonight in Windsor before they take on Mississauga on Friday night and Kitchener on Saturday night at home in the Compuware Sports Arena.

Mustangs

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to Schumacher.

"It was a battle," he said. "There were a few times they (Novi) could have put the game away, but we hung in there. We could have went up by one but we missed the easy shot. You have your chances; sometimes they're going to be good, sometimes they're not.

"I felt our intensity and play was good," he added. "We just couldn't get the shots when we needed them."

Asher led the team with another double-double - he scored 17 points and nabbed 13 rebounds. Davis added 12 points but was shy of a double-double with seven rebounds. Singleton put in eight and Alan Shanowski dropped in six

points in the close game.

Northville played Livonia Churchill on Tuesday but results were not available for this edition. They play John Glenn tomorrow night at home. Both games will be tests for the

Northville team in a tough Western Lakes league.

"It doesn't get any easier," Schumacher said. "This is a difficult league but the kids work hard. I just hope they can get some rewards for it."

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Chiefs overpower Mustangs in home wrestling meet

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs hit the mats last Thursday in their first home dual wrestling meet of the season and rolled out a big win against the Northville Mustangs, 46-28.

It was a huge win for the revamped Chiefs' team who lost to Northville 60-15 last year. They are already ahead of last year's league record. The win against Northville moved them to 1-0 in the league where they didn't win a single league-meet last year. Overall, the Chiefs are 8-6 where they went 8-21 the entire season last year.

"It was a really fun meet," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "The kids really had a great time. Northville really pounded us last

year. We have a year under our belts and I'm starting to see the results. We are pretty excited to see how far we have come in such a short time."

Canton won eight of their matches and six of them were by pins. Ryan Schnettler pinned his opponent for a win in the 103-pound weight class. Jay Fleischmann, 125 pounds; Corey Phillips, 130 pounds; Ryan Webb, 140 pounds; Konrad Konsitzke, 145; and Donnie Laramie, heavy weight, all won their matches by pins.

Steve Hosey won his match by major decision, 12-3, to win in the 152-pound weight class and Pete Bonneau won by void at 135 pounds.

"I am pleased with the suc-

cess," Randolph said. "The kids are excited - it was such a good meet for them. We're not what we're going to be in the future but we're making great progress."

The Chiefs traveled to South Lyon on Saturday to take part in their varsity tournament. Canton only had 10 kids compete out of the 14 weight classes and placed ninth as a team in the competition, according to Randolph.

Nick Poole took fourth place in the 112-pound class and Phillips placed third at 130 pounds. Ryan Webb came in second at 135 pounds, which was his first loss of the year, Randolph said. PJ Caram placed third in the 189-pound

weight class.

Konsitzke went 3-2 on the day and just missed placing when he lost his final match in overtime. Hosey was close also but missed placing by just a few points - he finished 3-2 overall. Alex Freitag and Dave Kersten both split their matches and finished with a 2-2 record.

"We wrestled well at first but you could tell that all of us hit a wall and our wrestling showed it," he said. "We should have wrestled better. We usually don't lose late, we usually get stronger, but you could see that we were fatigued."

Canton takes on Plymouth High School tonight.

Canton

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put the puck through the five-hole of Chelsea's goalie J.R. Englebert. Reece McCabe earned the assist on the tying goal.

The Bulldogs' Matt Eckler was sent to the penalty box for roughing and Englebert was penalized to give Canton a two-man advantage but that didn't stop Chelsea from scoring. Ford got another opportunity at the net and scored short-handed to put his team up 2-1 at the 6:31 mark and Urwin notched the assist. Canton came back and scored on the same power play by McCabe to make it a 2-2 game. Stewart and Oliver earned the assists.

Chelsea scored their second short-handed goal in the period when Ford scored his second goal, both short-handed, of the game. Urwin recorded the assist. The goal gave Chelsea a 3-2 lead to end the second period of play.

Chelsea started out the third period strong but Garrett made some great saves to keep Canton in it. Both teams remained cautious for the rest of the period until McCabe chipped the puck into the

net to tie the game 3-3 with only nine seconds left in the game.

"We only played with two lines because of illness and injuries," Wheaton said. "The kids showed a lot of resolve even though they showed signs of fatigue. And to come back and tie the game with only nine seconds left...that was great"

However, their momentum failed on Friday night when they were shutout, 4-0, by the Livonia Stevenson Spartans.

We had problems getting the puck out of our zone," Wheaton said. "Stevenson was checking us pretty hard. We'll get another shot at them and we'll be ready."

The Chiefs played Walled Lake Western last night but the results weren't available for this edition and are preparing for a tough game against Northville on Saturday at the Novi Ice Arena.

"They beat us the first time we played at the beginning of the season," Wheaton said. "But we're a completely different team from then - we made adjustments and we should be ready for them."

They will also get a chance to face off against rivals Salem High School on Tuesday night at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

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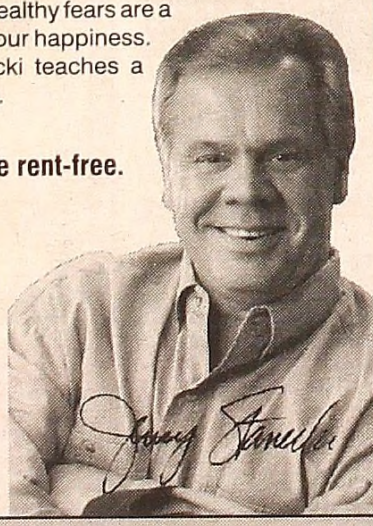
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Brian Paison, 17, won second place with his design, above. At right is third place winner Angela McKiddy's entry and above, left, is the entry of Dylan Burss who won third place in the 11th grade category.

Local students win poster contest

Theresa Wherrett
Staff Writer

This year, the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) is being used as a stage to launch 70 new production and concept vehicles. Maybe, with a little luck, it will also help launch the careers of three young people from Westland.

Brian Paison, Dylan Burss and

Angela McKiddy, all students at the William D. Ford Career Technical campus, submitted entries for the NAIAS student poster contest several months ago and were notified in December that their posters had won.

Paison, 17, created a dramatic black and red poster that took second place in the 12th grade category.

"Brian based his poster on the artwork of Saul Bass," said graphic arts instructor Steve Paulsen, referring to the famous graphic designer/filmographer, who, among other things, designed the shower scene for the movie *Psycho*. "Brian's poster was in a class by itself. I knew it would receive some recognition."

"People who are not familiar with Saul Bass may look at Brian's work and think that it's simple, but I knew that there were (graphic arts) industry professionals judging the posters



and I thought that they would recognize the style," Paulsen added.

According to Paulsen, he gave Paison a general idea to start with and then Paison went on to design the poster himself, including going online to find an appropriate font.

"It's the typeface that really

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Driving force

Local auto dealers expect show to fuel increased sales

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Automobile dealers in western Wayne County are banking on the new vehicles currently on display at the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) translating into improved sales during 2004.

This year, more than 60 new vehicles from U.S. and foreign automakers will attract more than million potential new buyers to the Cobo Center. Dealers are pinning their hopes on the influx of new passenger cars, light- and medium-duty trucks and sport utility vehicles (SUV) to lift sagging sales and reach first-time buyers, said Scott LaRiche, the executive director of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth.

"It's been a tough year, but actually, we've been lucky," he said. "We've had some of the best sales ever during the last four years, and it's going to get better because

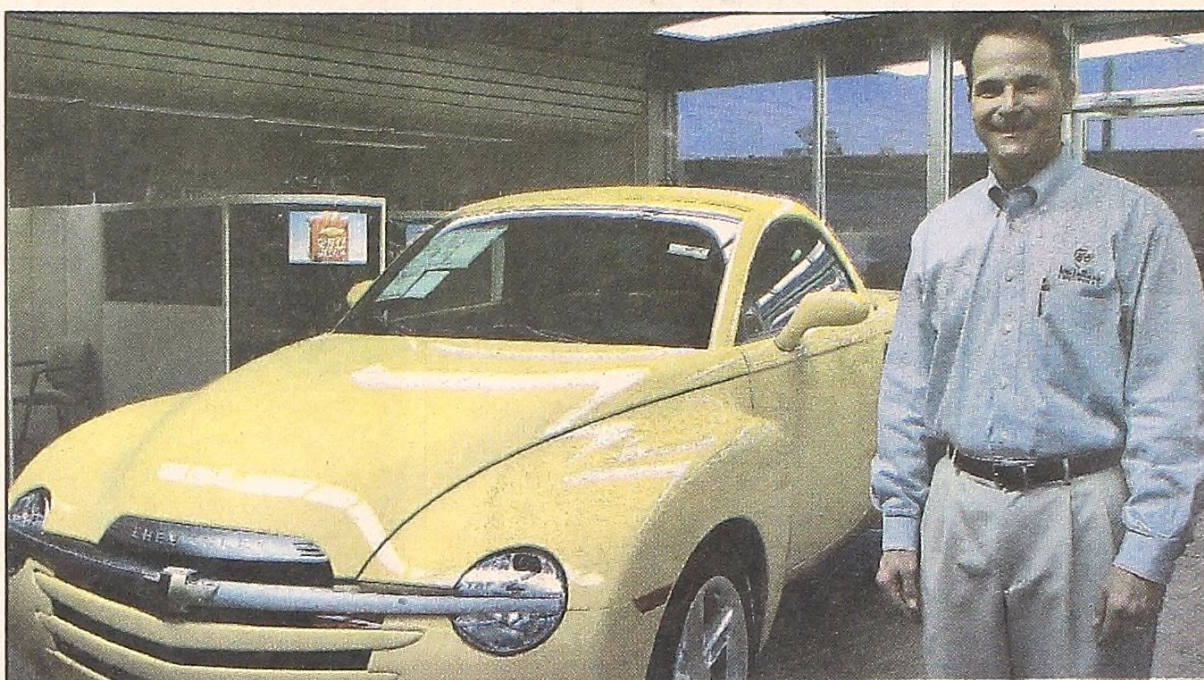
Chevrolet is introducing 18 new products this year alone. There's going to be something for everyone this year. The Malibu has been redesigned - it's really a great product that they've found a way to make better."

Another redesigned vehicle is also expected to be a hot seller in 2004, LaRiche said. The Cavalier, a nameplate that is nearly 20 years old, is being both revamped and renamed the Cobalt. The Cobalt will be offered with several new and optional features that should appeal to young

"We have such a cross-section of buyers in this community, and many of the buyers are looking for a first new vehicle."

and first time buyers, a segment Chevrolet has long needed to attract, LaRiche said.

"(The Cobalt) will help us gain market share in the entry level market, which is important," he said. "We have such a cross-section of buyers in this community, and many of the buyers are looking for a first new vehicle. We need to have vehicles that meet many needs, and we're going to have that this year."



Scott LaRiche, the executive director of Lou LaRiche Chevrolet in Plymouth, stands next to the retro-styled 2004 SSr, which is currently on display at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

Cobalt pricing begins at \$10,000. A new Malibu will cost about \$14,000, depending on options.

Though the Malibu and the Cobalt are expected to be high volume vehicles, the \$45,000 SSr, the new two-door Chevrolet retro-styled pickup truck, is not expected to fly out of dealerships - at least not in high numbers.

"We only expect to get about six of these vehicles," LaRiche said.

"This type of vehicle is meant to create excitement, but it does offer something a little more than the S-10."

Local Ford dealers are also expecting the show to attract buyers to the showrooms, especially with the debut of some new models which can currently only be seen at the auto show.

"We're excited about the Five Hundred and the Freestyle," said

Bob Faust, the general sales manager of Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne, Mich. "The Five Hundred is replacing the Taurus, which was successful for us, but it's time for something fresh and exciting. The Freestyle will complete with something like the Chrysler Pacifica. We should see the Five Hundred on our lots in about June, and the Freestyle in October."

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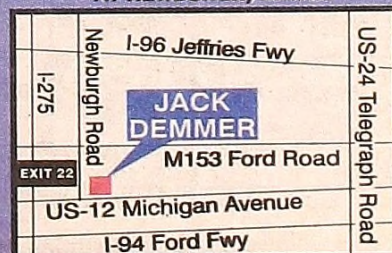
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Nissan and Kia to introduce new models

Theresa Wherrett
Staff Writer

When the 88th annual North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) opens this week at Cobo Exhibition Center, Jeff Scott is looking for Nissan and Kia to make a splash.

"This is the world debut of the new (Nissan) Pathfinder," Scott said. "I've seen the prototype and it's bigger than the current model. It has seven passenger capacity and a new 4-liter, V6 engine. It's a great engine."

Scott, general manager of Dick Scott Kia and Nissan in Canton Township, was equally enthusiastic about other new models.

"It's also the debut of the new (Nissan) Frontier, which is a small pickup," said Scott. "And the new Kia Spectra. The Spectra is a main seller for us, and it's been updated with a bigger engine and more room."

Scott won't be the only car dealer looking to the NAIAS for new vehicle introductions. More than 60 production and concept vehicles will make their worldwide and North American vehicle debuts, according to a NAIAS announcement.

"Detroit is the biggest and most important of the auto shows," explained Scott. "It is a huge platform for vehicle introduction."

It's a platform the Nissan and KIA are more than willing to take advantage of.

"It's very exciting," Scott said. "For the last few years, Nissan has really used the North American International Auto Show as a way to introduce new launches."

Nissan will also introduce the new Titan, a full-size truck featuring a 5.6 liter V8 engine, wide open rear doors for the king cab and off-road capability.

"The Titan is open for good success," said Scott. "Trucks are always good sellers."

Kia, a relative newcomer to the American market, will show off the Amanti, which was officially launched Dec. 26. The Amanti is Kia's first entry into the large sedan market.

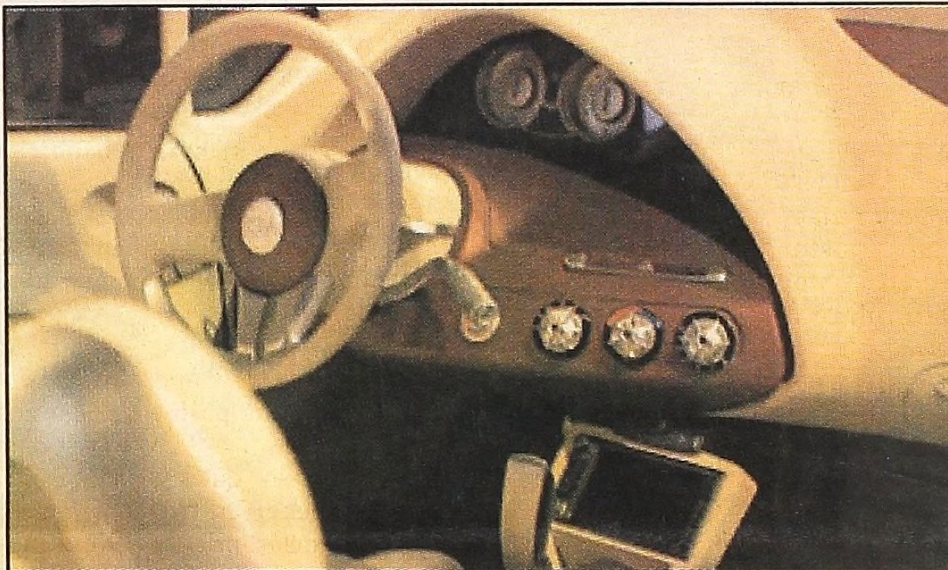
"Kia is a great value for the dollar," said Scott. "And the Amanti is a nice semi-luxury car."

The NAIAS opened its doors to the press and industry representatives earlier this month. Following a charity preview Jan. 9, the doors will be open to the public Jan. 10 - 19. During the show last year, more than 6,000 media personnel and more than 800,000 people attended.

"The auto show really helps generate an uptick in business," said Scott. "A lot of people look on the auto show as a giant showroom."



At NAIAS, Kia's world premiere was the 2004 Spectra, which goes on sale as a sedan in March and as a 5-door model in May. The interior of the KCV III is expressive, and there's no key. Instead, a personal "key card" unlocks the doors and starts the engine.



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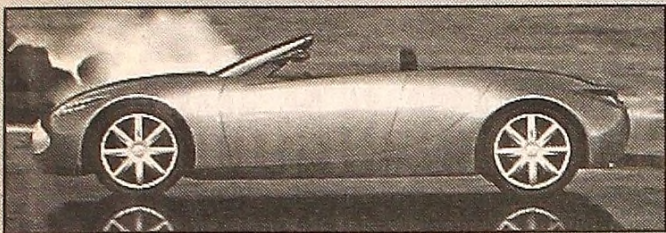
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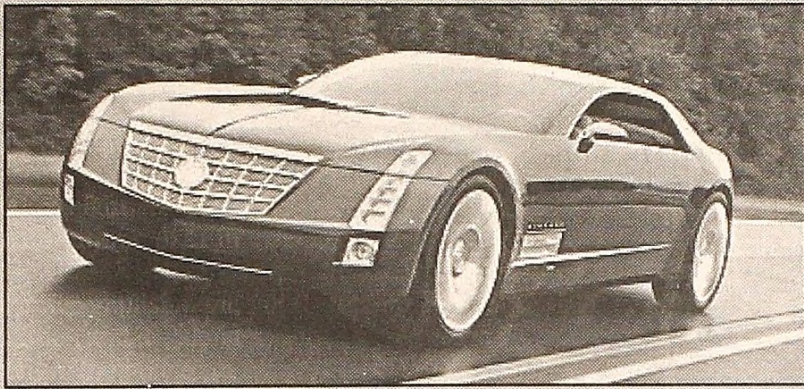
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Students

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makes the poster," said Paulsen.
Angela McKiddy, 17, based her poster on an assignment she had previously done for class. The poster, which won third place in the 12th grade category, is a striking "2004" pin-wheel on a black background. McKiddy, who will graduate this spring, said she is considering a graphic arts career.

"All posters were done quickly, as Paulsen only received two days notice of the contest prior to the deadline."

Dylan Burss, 17, won third place in the 11th grade category. His poster featured multi-colored cars zooming by.

"I haven't decided yet what I want to do after graduation," said Burss. "Hopefully something in this same field." Burss said that Paulsen had given him a starting idea and then he laid out the poster and determined the colors. After a review and revision by Paulsen, the poster was sent to competition.

All posters were done quickly, as Paulsen only received two days notice of the contest prior to the deadline.

"I had no idea that I'd win," said Burss.

Burss and McKiddy each received \$100 for their efforts. Paison was awarded \$250.

"I bought a Christmas present for my mom," said Paison. McKiddy also spent her prize money on Christmas presents, and Burss put his into the bank.

The contest, which is sponsored by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, is judged by people in the graphic arts industry. More than 300 entries were received this year.

First-, second- and third-place awards were presented to students in grades 9-12, plus two "best of show" awards and one grand prize award. All winning posters are displayed at the auto show and can be viewed at www.naias.com.

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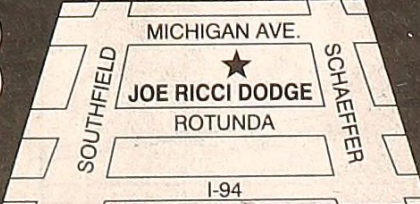
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Warm memories

Museum offers special exhibits, hours during ice festival

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Chilly winds and snow squalls may greet visitors at the Plymouth Ice Spectacular, but inside the Plymouth Historical Museum it will be nice and warm.

The museum will be open during the festival and visitors can warm up from the cold, but many may stay inside since there is so much to see. The special exhibit, "Childhood Treasures of the Past," features a celebration of Raggedy Ann and Andy, other dolls such as Shirley Temple and American Girl and a tribute to the 100th birthday of Crayola crayons.

"The downstairs exhibits display toys from the 1920s through the 1960s," said Museum Director Beth Stewart.

Victorian-era dolls and toys are displayed on the upstairs floor of the museum. Several miniature ironstone tea sets grace the exhibits. Stewart said the tea sets were made to complement full-size sets made for adults as well as help teach children how to serve food and exercise proper etiquette. The dishes date between 1840 and 1890 and are loaned to the museum from local collectors.

"I would guess these people have the premiere collection in

the country," Stewart said.

Ironstone tea sets were first produced in England and were good for travel because they were less fragile than bone china, Stewart said. They were in high demand in America, and tea leaf patterns were very common as they were used in boarding houses, she said.

Raggedy Ann and Andy books and dolls originated more than 85 years ago with a family tragedy. Johnny Gruelle, their creator, had a daughter, Marcella, who became ill. Gruelle found an old rag doll of his mother's that he gave Marcella to comfort her. When Marcella died, Gruelle was inspired to write more than 40 books about the adventures of the little doll in his daughter's memory. The museum has many first edition books that date back to 1915, Stewart said, as well as many Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls.

"Even though they've gone through a variety of changes the dolls are still popular," Stewart said.

The museum collection of delicate Victorian-era dolls complements the tiny tea sets on display. Like the tea sets, they were made more for display than for play, according to Stewart. Rag dolls like Raggedy Ann probably became popular because chil-



The Childhood Treasures from the Past exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum includes an extensive collection of Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy dolls and storybooks.

dren could actually play with them, as rubber dolls were not invented until the 1930s, she said.

Stewart said Civil War re-enactors from the 17th Michigan Re-enactment Group will entertain at the museum Saturday and Sunday to demonstrate how soldiers prepared food and set up camp. The group meets regularly at the museum, she said. The re-enactors will also demonstrate toys and games soldiers used to help pass the time.

Civil War buffs will also enjoy the one-of-a-kind exhibit of Abraham Lincoln artifacts. The permanent collection is the

largest in the state, Stewart said, and includes artwork, statuary and relics. Most of the collection was donated by Dr. Weldon Petz of West Bloomfield, who acquired much of it from Robert Lincoln Beckwith, the last heir of the Lincoln family. Petz' desire to keep the collection together and within the state lead to his donation to the museum, according to Stewart.

"He liked the educational programs at the museum," Stewart said. "To him that's what was really important."

Educational programs include scavenger hunts for children that

help them learn history and focus on things they would normally miss in an exhibit, Stewart said. The toy displays may hold a particular interest for children, she said.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 115 S. Main St. in Plymouth, next to the Plymouth District Library. The museum will be open from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday during the ice festival.

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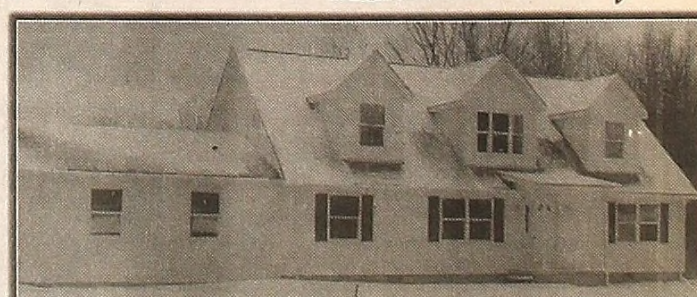
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